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DPW Newsletter

Questions?

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Individual Highlights:

- › Health and Safety Project - Demolition of Bldg 33
- › Energy Efficiency - Heating Tips
- › Self-Help Maintenance - "Plumbing"
- › Pets in Government Housing
- › Donation for the Needy - "Giessener Tafel"

Health and Safety Project - Demolition of Bldg 33

Before:



During:

Project facts and figures:

- Scope of work:
Demolition and disposal of deteriorated building 33, an abandoned warehouse, adjacent to bldg 32 (DPW/Housing).

- Risk Assessment Code:
RAC 1.

- Timeline:
Oct 2006 – January 2007



After:



Energy Efficiency – Heating Tips

- ☑ Pay attention to the thermostat. A few degrees can make more of a difference in your heating bill than it can in your comfort level. Keep the thermostat between 18-20 degrees Celsius (65-68 degrees Fahrenheit). Chances are you won't notice the few degrees.
- ☑ Use sweaters and blankets. These can enhance the "cozy" feeling of your home.

Throw an extra blanket on the bed and wear a wool sweater if your home feels chilly. You'll be warm and toasty before you know it.



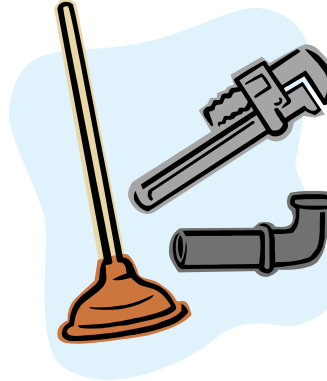
- ☑ Enter and exit quickly. Every time an exterior door opens, a large amount of heat escapes, and when you do, do so quickly.
- ☑ Circulate heated air. Since warm air rises, it tends to be trapped in the highest areas of your home. A ceiling fan running at a very low speed can help distribute warm air more evenly.



Self-Help Maintenance – “Plumbing”

Here are a few good Self Help tips how you can fix or prevent a stopped up toilet bowl or drain:

① Attempt to unstop bowl or drain with a plunger; available at your local Self Help Issue Point. For best results the rubber suction cup must be submerged in water and overflow openings of the sink, bathtub or



toilet bowl.

② Toilet bowls must never be used for disposal of leftover kitchen waste, tea leaves, coffee grounds, grease, paper towels, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins etc.
③ Caution children against placing items into toilet bowls. Keep the lid down.



Pets in Government Housing



All pet owners must make themselves familiar with the rules of the USAG Giessen SOP for “Registration and Control of Pets” otherwise pets may be removed from the housing areas; here are a few excerpts:
♦ Pets will not be

allowed to relieve themselves on balconies, playgrounds, or within fifty feet of family housing buildings.

♦ Pets will not be left on balconies unattended, or tethered to stair railings, trees or similar.

♦ Animals will be kept on a leash at all times and accompanied by an individual capable of controlling the pet.



Next Bulk Trash Pick- up Dates:

02 Feb 07
(incl. Christmas
Trees)

02 Mar 07



Donation for the Needy - “Giessener Tafel”

In December 2006 the USAG Giessen DPW donated the proceeds of the last Organizational Day beverage sale and additional donations of DPW employees in the amount of 330. - Euros to the “Giessener Tafel”!



Picture left:
Middle; Ms Birgit Welter DPW and Mr Holger Claes, Head of the outreach ministry “Giessener Tafel”. They provide food for the needy.